Statement

Percentage variation in the Wholesale Price Index of Pulses over 1 week, 1 month and over 1 year ending 8.7.1995.

(Base 1981-82=100)

Commodity	Percentage Variation (Ending June)		
	Over 1 week 8.7.95	Over 1 month 8.7.95	Over 1 year 8.7.95
	1.7.95	10.6.95	9.7.94
Pulses	+ 1.1	+ 4.9	+ 18.5
(Sub-group)			
Gram	+ 0.2	− 1.2	− 25.0
Arhar	+ 1.4	+ 10.5	+ 60.2
Moong	+ 0.2	+ 4.0	+ 18.5
Masur	+ 4.3	+ 5.4	+ 17.1
Urad	+ 1.7	+ 4.3	+ 53.8

Trade agreement between India and South Africa

27. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3127 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1995 and state the specific proposals covered under the trade agreement to boost the small scale and medium scale industries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): The Trade Agreement signed by India and South Africa in August, 1994 does not contain specific proposals to boost trade in any specific commodity/sector.

It is primarily for the trade and business organisations of India and South Africa to select items for export and import from each other, depending on their requirements and the competitiveness of the goods. However, it is expected that the probable items of export and import including those produced by small and medium scale industries will be as follows:—

Export from India: Cotton yarn, fabric made-ups leather, readymade garments of cotton including accessories, manmade yarn, fabrics, madeups, machinery & instruments, manufactures of metals, drugs, pharmaceuticals & fine chemicals handicrafts (excluding handmade carpets); readymade garments of manmade fibres, inorganic, organic agro-chemicals, and readymade garments of wool.

Import from South Africa: Iron & Steel, inorganic, organic chemicals, nonferrous metals, metallic ores, phosphate fertilizers, rock phosphate.

Violation of Licensing System by Shriram Industries Enterprises Limited

28. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether action was initiated against Shriram Industries Enterprises Limited (SIEL) for expanding its sugar plant capacity at Mawana without an approved licence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what measures are being taken to prevent recurrence of such licensing violations?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) A preliminary report has been received and the same is under examination.

(c) The expansion of capacity by a sugar factory without grant of a letter of intent/Industrial licence under the I.D.R. Act, 1951 is punishable under section 24 of the said Act.

Consultative Meetings of Consumer Organisations

29. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is planning to organise consultative meetings of Consumer Organisations with the Ministry of Finance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the issue of passing on full excise duty benefits on liberalisation to consumers is likely to be taken up in such meetings; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to achieve the aforesaid purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Non-Official Members on Management Committee of Super Bazar

30. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that non-official members are appointed on the Management Committee of Super Bazar Cooperative Society;

(b) if so, what is the composition of the present Committee and how many vacancies exist at present;

(c) whether Government have received any recommendations for appointment from Members of Parliament; and

(d) if so, the names of Members of Parliament recommending the names of persons on Management Committee during the last three years and in how many cases persons recommended by MPs have been nominated on the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Managing Committee of Super Bazar consists of 15 members out of which 5 are elected and 10 are nominated. From among the 10 nominated members, 4 are Government officers, 5 are non-officials and the General Manager is the ex-officio member. At present one vacancy exists on account of death of an elected member.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) During the last three years, recommendations for nominations to the Managing Committee of the Super Bazar, were received from the following members of Parliament:—

1. Shri Sharad Pawar
2. Shri Rafique Alam
3. Shri Rajesh Khanna
4. Shri Somji Bhai Dhamor
5. Smt. Chandrika A. Jain
6. Shri G.M. Khan

Only in respect of one of the nominees in the Managing Committee of Super Bazar a recommendation from a Member of Parliament was received.

Effect of Monsoon on Buffer Stocks for Distribution through PDS

31. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that monsoon all over the country will have an adverse impact on buffer stocks held for distribution through PDS;

(b) what are the contingency measures planned to be put into operation to ensure continued supplies of essential commodities to weaker sections and also to prevent free market forces from exploiting the situation; and

(c) wheather Government would go in for import of foodgrains including pulses for distribution through PDS?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFIARS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) The stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 1.7.1995 stood at 35.6 million tonnes as against 22.3 million tonnes of foodgrains required to be maintained under buffer stocking policy. In view of this, there is no difficulty in meeting the requirements